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## Office Action Summary

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 July 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

**DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-18 have been examined. Application 10/662,700 (ENHANCED METHOD OF RADIO AND TV ADVERTISING) has a filing date 09/15/2003.

***Response to Amendment***

2. In response to Non Final Rejection filed 04/02/2008, the Applicant filed an Amendment on 07/02/2008, which amended claims 1, 8, 15, 16, 17 and 18.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claim 9 recites the limitation "said set of songs". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Llenas (US 5,271,626).

Claim 1, Llenas teaches:

A method of advertising within a media broadcast program which features regular program content and content related to commercials, comprising:

A. establishing a contest whereby listeners of said program may become participants in said contest by following procedures of said contest, said contest including the broadcast of clues from time to time following broadcast of one of said commercials, with the contest requirement that a participant respond to said at least one broadcasted clue and follow the required procedure of said contest (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60),

B. broadcasting at least one set of regular program content during said program (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60),

C. broadcasting at least one commercial during said program *as part of the content related to commercials* (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60).

D. broadcasting at least one clue following said at least one commercial *as part of the content related to commercials* (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60), and

E. providing a specified award to each participant whose response to said clue satisfied the contest requirements to win said award (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60).

Claim 2, Llenas teaches:

wherein said broadcasting of said at least one clue occurs immediately following the broadcasting of a commercial (see figure 4b).

Claim 3, Llenas teaches:

wherein said broadcasting of said at least one clue occurs at least partially during the broadcast of a commercial (see figure 4b).

Claim 4, Llenas teaches:

wherein said at least one clue is incorporated into a commercial (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60).

Claim 5, Llenas teaches:

comprising the steps of broadcasting at least two separate clues following two different of said commercials (see figure 4b).

Claim 6, Llenas teaches:

broadcasting at least two separate sets of songs, and broadcasting at least one commercial following each of said sets of songs, and broadcasting at least one clue following at least one of said commercials (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60).

Claim 7, Llenas teaches:

broadcasting at least two sets of songs and broadcasting at least two sets of commercials separate from said sets of songs, and broadcasting at least one clue either following at least one of said sets of commercials or situated timewise between commercials of said at least one set of commercials (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60).

Claim 8, Llenas teaches:

A method of advertising within a media broadcast program which features regular program content and content related to commercials comprising:

A. establishing a contest whereby listeners of said program may become participants in said contest by following procedures of said contest, said contest including the broadcast of clues from time to time following broadcast of

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one of said commercials, with the contest requirement that a participant respond to said at least one broadcasted clue and follow the required procedure of said contest (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60),

B. broadcasting at least one set of regular program content during said program (See figure 4b),

C. broadcasting at least one set of commercials during said program as part of the content related to commercials (see figure 4b)

D. broadcasting at least one clue following said at least one set of commercials as part of the content related to commercials (see figure 4b) and

E. providing a specified award to each participant whose response to said clue satisfied the contest requirements to win said award (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60),

Claim 9, Llenas teaches:

wherein each of said sets of songs comprises at least two songs, and each of said sets of commercials comprises at least two commercials (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60).

Claim 10, Llenas teaches:

wherein a typical one of said sets of songs is broadcast for about ten minutes, and a typical one of said sets of commercials is broadcast for about two minutes (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60).

Claim 11, Llenas teaches:

wherein said award comprises a specific prize (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60).

Claim 12, Llenas teaches:

wherein said award comprises the right to participate in a further phase of said contest (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60).

Claim 13, Llenas teaches:

wherein said response required of a contest participant comprises placing a call to a specified phone number (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60).

Claim 14, Llenas teaches:

wherein said response to win the contest comprises being the nth caller of a plurality of callers, where n is a number specified in the contest procedure (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60).

Claim 15, Llenas teaches:

Conducting a contest within a media broadcast program which features regular program content and content related to commercials, comprising:

A. establishing said contest whereby listeners of said program may become participants in said contest by following procedures of said contest, said contest including the broadcast of clues from time to time following broadcast of one of said commercials, with the contest requirement that a participant respond to said at least one broadcasted clue and follow the required procedure of said contest (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60),

B. broadcasting at least one set of regular program content during said program (see figure 4b),

C. broadcasting at least one set of commercials during said program as part of the content related to commercials (see figure 4b)

D. broadcasting at least one clue following a commercial of said at least one set of commercials (see figure 4b), and

E. providing a specified award to each participant whose response to said clue satisfied the contest requirements to win said award (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60).

Claim 16, Llenas teaches:

A method of advertising within a media broadcast which features the broadcast of regular program content for a first specified period of time and broadcasting content related to commercials during second specified period of time, comprising:

A. establishing a contest whereby listeners or viewers of said program may become participants in said contest by following procedures of said contest, said contest including the broadcast of at least one clue from time to time following broadcast of at least one of said commercials with the contest requirement that a participant respond to said at least one broadcasted clue and follow the required procedure of said contest (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60),

B. broadcasting said program during the first specified period of time (see figure 4b)



C. broadcasting at least one set of commercials during said second specified period of time (see figure 4b),

D. broadcasting said at least one clue following a commercial of said at least one set of commercial, (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60), and

E. providing a specified award to each participant whose response to said clue satisfied the contest requirements to win said award (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60).

Claim 17, Llenas teaches:

A method of advertising within a media broadcast program which features regular program content and content related to commercials comprising:

A. establishing a contest whereby listeners of said program may become participants in said contest by following procedures of said contest, said contest including the broadcast of triggering events from time to time, with the contest requirement that a participant respond to said at least one broadcasted triggering event and follow the required procedure of said contest (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60),

B. establishing as one rule of said contest that said triggering event will be the broadcast of a particular commercial as part of the content related to commercials (see figure 4b)

C. broadcasting at least one set of regular program content during said program (see figure 4b),

D. broadcasting at least one of said particular commercials during said program as part of the content related to commercials (see figure 4b)

E. providing a specified award to each participant whose response to said triggering event satisfied the contest requirements to win said award (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60).

Claim 18, Llenas teaches:

A method of advertising within media broadcast which features the broadcast of regular program content for a first specified period and broadcasting content related to commercials during a second specified time period comprising:

A. establishing a contest whereby listeners or viewers of said program may become participants in said contest by following procedures of said contest, said contest including the broadcast of at least one triggering event from time to time, with the contest requirement that a participant respond to said at least one broadcasted triggering event and follow the required procedure of said contest (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60)

B. establishing as one rule of said contest that said triggering event will be the broadcast of a particular commercial as part of the content related to commercials during the second specified time period (see figure 4b)

C. broadcasting said regular program content for the first specified period of time (see figure 4b)

D. broadcasting said at least one of said particular commercials which is said triggering event during the second specified time period (see figure 4b)

E. providing a specified award to each participant whose response to said triggering event satisfied the contest requirements to win said award (see figure 4b; col 1, line 5 – col 3, line 60).

### ***Response to Arguments***

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Conclusion***

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANIEL LASTRA whose telephone number is 571-272-6720 and fax 571-273-6720. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James W. Myhre can be reached on (571)272-6722. The official Fax number is 571-273-8300.

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